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## Student Leaders

for the school year 1950-51 are, left to right, Charlene Vorwald, editor of The Labarum; Mary Redus, editor of The Courier; Betty Campbell, senior class president; Deirdre Lagen, vice-president of SLC; Eleanore Rossiter, SLC president; Mary Frances Wrenn, SLC treasurer; Jean Stenson, sodality prefect; Kathleen Morrison, SLC secretary.

## Seniors Elected to Membership In National Honor Societies

Ten seniors were admitted to national honor societies at the annual Honors convocation May 4.

Elected by faculty and senior vote to Kappa Gamma Pi, national scholastic and activity honor society of Catholic women's colleges, were Ann Marie Byrne, Atlanta, Ga., honor student and vice-president of the senior class; Phillis Frazier, Chicago, NFCCS senior delegate; Dorothy Newburgh, Dubuque, Spires editor and president of the Art club; Mary Helen Oktanski, Peoria, Ill., associate editor of The Courier and president of the Social Science club, and Peggy Sullivan, Kansas City, Mo., editor of The Labarum and regional secretary of NFCCS.

**Delta Epsilon Sigma**  
New members of the Rho chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma, national scholastic honor society for students of Catholic colleges and universities, are Miss Byrne, Rosalie Glanz, Milwaukee; Miss Oktanski, Miss Sullivan, and Dorothy Watson, Milwaukee. Miss Glanz is co-chairman of Our Lady's guild of the sodality and was business manager of the spring production. Miss Watson was vice-president of the Social Science club and secretary-treasurer of IFTA.

**Delta Mu Theta**  
Charter members of Delta Mu Theta, newly organized Catholic music honor society, are Mary Elaine Drew, Dixon, Ill., vice-president of the Cecilian circle; Janet Mullen, Western Springs, Ill., president of the Cecilian circle, and Mary Virginia Schuster, Dubuque, winner of the orchestra award.

## Classes Honor 1950 Graduates

Juniors entertained the seniors at a formal dinner Tuesday evening, May 16, in the college dining hall.

Co-chairmen in charge of the pastel decoration scheme were Deirdre Lagen and Jean Stenson.

Committee heads assisting them were Patricia Considine, invitations; Wilma Steffen, gifts; Mary Ann Jochum, shrine; Barbara Stavros, meal planning.

Immediately following the dinner, a skit written by Eleanore Rossiter and directed by Nancy Lingo, was given in the auditorium.

Sophomores honored the seniors at a picnic on the auditorium campus last Monday evening. Patricia Keenan and Patricia McInerney were co-chairmen.

Lois West was chairman of the annual tea given May 2 by the freshmen in honor of the graduates.

## Literary Awards Given to Winners On Honors Day

Eleven students received literary honors at the annual Honors convocation May 4.

The Mary Blake Finan awards, established by Mrs. Mary Blake Finan, LL.D., Chicago, a Clarke alumna, were given for the best short story, poem, and essay appearing in the Labarum during the year.

For her short story "Paradise Bound," Charlene Vorwald was awarded \$10. Honorable mention was given to Dorothy Newburgh and to Miss Vorwald. The stories were judged by August Derleth, author of Country Growth, Evening in Spring, and other books.

### Wins Poetry Award

In the poetry division, Dorothy Newburgh took first place for the second consecutive year with her poem "Perspective." Moya Lagen and Cynthia Craemer received honorable mention. Poetry judge was Sister Jeremy, O.P., author of Dialog with an Angel.

Another first place winner for the second consecutive year was Joan Delaney, now Sister Mary Consolata, B. Laney, who won the essay section for "Airman's Odyssey." Honorable mention went to Eleanore Rossiter, Janaan Noonan and Joan Lonergan. Lucille Hasley, author of Reproachfully Yours, judged the essays.

### Writes Editorial

For the best editorials printed in the current issues of the Courier, first prize was merited by Peggy Ward for "Thank You, Ingrid!" Frances Zen-der and Kathleen Dumser took second and third prizes. The Reverend Clarence W. Raker, associate editor of The Witness, diocesan newspaper, judged the editorials.

## Peggy Sullivan Wins Fellowship to Catholic U

Peggy Sullivan, maxima cum laude graduate, has been awarded a fellowship in library science at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C. An English major and a library science minor, Miss Sullivan has served as editor of The Labarum during the past year.

## Music Department Presents Annual Spring Recital

The music department at Clarke college will present its annual spring recital Sunday evening, May 21, at 8:15 in the college auditorium. Piano, violin and vocal numbers will comprise the program.

Vocalists on the program will be Mary Jane Orban who will sing Verdi's Caro Nome from Rigoletto, Kathryn McNamara who will sing Mimi's Song from Puccini's La Boheme, and Barbara Abernethy who will sing Sea Moods, by Tyson. Accompanists will be Janet Mullen, Maryann Nachowicz and Nancy Dunham.

Judith Lee Grills, violinist, will play Caprice Viennois, by Kreisler. She will be accompanied by Phyllis Smythe.

Eight pianists will be presented in the recital. Patricia McInerney will play Beethoven's Sonata, Opus 14, No. 1. Virginia Sander's selection will be Zeckwer's In a Boat, and Maryann Nachowicz will play Griffes' The White Peacock.

Chopin's Etude Opus 10, No. 12 will be presented by Phyllis Smythe, and Liszt's Liebestraume by Joan Keller. Ruth Dunbar will play Debussy's Night in Grenada, and Nancy Dunham will present Schumann's Novellette. Mary Anthony Rhombert's selection will be MacDowell's To the Sea.

## Faculty Members Join Staffs for Summer Work

The Clarke college faculty will be represented in the east, north and west this summer.

Sister Mary Philippa, B.V.M., chairman of the English department, will again be on the faculty of the graduate school at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C. Sister will teach two English courses, Middle English and English Literature.

Sister Mary Eunicia, B.V.M., registrar, will serve on the staff of the college workshop at Loretto Heights college, Denver, Colo., as coordinator for a group of community supervisors who will discuss the elementary education program in the liberal arts college.

Sister Mary Jeanne Therese, B.V.M., of the history department, and Sister Mary Carolanne, B.V.M., chemistry, will work with representatives from other colleges and universities at a four-week workshop on liberal arts education. The workshop, conducted by the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities, will be held at the University of Minnesota.

## Archbishop Binz Will Preside At Commencement Exercises

Ross Hoffman, Noted Historian, Will Speak

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Leo Binz, D.D., coadjutor archbishop of Dubuque, will preside at the one hundred and seventh commencement exercises and will confer degrees upon the 49 members of the graduating class Sunday afternoon, May 28, at 3 o'clock in the college auditorium.

Ross Hoffman, professor of European history in the graduate school at Fordham university, New York, will be the commencement speaker.

Dr. Hoffman, a convert to Catholicism, won the George Louis Beer prize of the American Historical association in 1934 for his book Great Britain and the German Trade Rivalry, 1875-1914. In 1935 he was elected president of the American Catholic Historical association.

Frank Sheed has referred to Hoffman as "the American who stands on the frontier between America and Europe."

### Presents Candidates

Father Friedman will present the candidates to the archbishop.

The graduates will form the academic procession in the foyer of Mary Frances Clarke hall and will proceed to the auditorium where the college orchestra will play Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance while the graduates and the members of the clergy take their places on the stage.

### Graduate With Honors

Five seniors will receive their degrees with honors. Maxima cum Laude graduates are Dorothy Watson, Milwaukee, history; Dorothy Newburgh, Dubuque, art; Peggy Sullivan, Kansas City, Mo., English; Mary Helen Oktanski, Peoria, Ill., economics.

Norae Dennison, Westfield, an English major, will graduate Magna cum Laude.

The Mary Agnes O'Connor Award, highest honor awarded to a senior, will be presented to Peggy Sullivan who was selected by the faculty as the most outstanding senior.

Graduates receiving bachelor of arts degrees, in addition to the honor students, are Elizabeth Aschenbrener, Laona, Wis., biology; Ann Marie

Byrne, Atlanta, Ga., biology; Joan Costello, Peoria, Ill., history; Joan Cronin, Lincoln, Ill., economics; Helen Dalton, LaGrange, Ill., home economics; Jeanne Doll, Dubuque, home economics; Kathleen Dumser, Lincoln, Ill., economics; Mary Margaret Feeney, Ivesdale, Ill., English; Mary Ellen Flad, Madison, Wis., sociology; Phillis Frazier, Chicago, art;

Rosalie Glanz, Milwaukee, Spanish; Joan Hanna, Chicago, sociology; Beverly Hoese, Fulton, Ill., art; Barbara Hutchinson, Davenport, art; Mary Frances Jaeger, Dyersville, art; Patricia Jans, Evanston, Ill., home economics; Rita Johann, Hammond, Ind., sociology; Rosemary Kaufmann, Dubuque, English; Moya Lagen, Dubuque, drama; Juanita Lechtenberg, Dubuque, Spanish;

Kathryn McCarthy, Webster City, drama; Theresa Ann Mackin, St. Anthony, sociology; Mary Virginia May, Dubuque, home economics; Mary Meany, Waterloo, home economics; (See GRADUATION, page 3)

## Clarkites Merit Literary Honors In National Contest

Janaan Noonan, sophomore staff member on the Labarum, was named as second place winner in the third national radio script contest organized by the Association for Education by Radio. Miss Noonan will receive \$60 for her half-hour script on the life of William Blake.

Announcement of the results of the contest came by telegram Monday from Sherman P. Lawton, University of Oklahoma, chairman of the contest.

In addition to the basic prize award Miss Noonan is eligible to receive \$25 if her script is published. Sister Mary Aquin, B.V.M., under whose direction the script was written, will receive a box of 25 audio-discs, three recording and three playback sapphire audio points.

### Another Second

Dorothy Newburgh, managing editor of The Labarum, was awarded second place in the annual short story contest sponsored by Kappa Gamma Pi, national Catholic honor society, for her story, "Through Another's Eyes." Mrs. Newburgh, who received \$10 for her prize-winning story, also merited honorable mention for "You Tell Her, Barry."

### Writes Winning Essay

Fourth place in the annual national Atlantic College contest sponsored by the Atlantic Monthly magazine, went to Joan Lonergan for her essay, "Whatever the Dark Road." Her essay, which was one of 293 entered in the contest, will appear in The Atlantic Prize Papers which will be published in September.

Rated as a "merit story" in the same contest was "Paradise Bound," by Charlene Vorwald, and as "top poem" was "Within the Silence," by Dorothy Newburgh. There were 457 stories entered and 373 poems from students in 113 colleges.

## Betty Campbell Leads Senior Class Next Year

The Senior class, 1950-51, elected Betty Campbell as president last week. Marjorie Rooney was elected vice-president and Mary Kelleher, SLC representative.

Jean Stenson was elected Sodality Prefect for the year '50-'51. Senior delegate for NFCCS will be Patricia Burke and junior delegate, Camille Jacques.

Club presidents who were also elected last week are Barbara Abernethy, Cecilian Circle; Jacqueline Shank, Social Science club; Nancy Lingo, Clarke College Players; and Janaan Noonan, Press club.

The duties of the offices were officially passed on at the College Day Torch-Passing ceremony last evening.



## All Hail the Clarke Graduate!

Since the beginning of the year there has been much talk about selecting the man of the half-century and the woman of the half-century. Even *The Courier* conducted a poll to determine Clarkites' choice for the outstanding woman of the period.

The response was negligible. Perhaps it was because you had no idea whom you would like to nominate. Maybe no woman of the last 50 years stood out in your mind as great.

You might have thought of Eleanor Roosevelt, Sarah Bernhart, or Ethel Barrymore, but even these famous women may have lacked the qualities that would classify them among the great. Perhaps you felt that their fame will last for only a few years and will not stand the test of time as has the fame of Teresa of Avila or of Joan of Arc.

The fact that the last fifty years produced no really great women, in your estimation, need not be discouraging, however. It can serve as an incentive for the half century to come.

That is why we would like to nominate the Clarke graduate of the half-century as the woman of the next half-century. Each 1950 graduate is a candidate for this honor. She now possesses potential greatness. She has been given a wonderful Catholic training here at Clarke. She has all the equipment to build a successful future. And even if she does not become famous in the eyes of the world, it will make no difference. For recognition is not a prerequisite of greatness. As long as she lives up to her faith, and to the ideals of Clarke, she will be great in the eyes of God.

We salute the Clarke graduate of 1950: the woman of the next half-century.

## Eleanore Rossiter Says . . .

*The following is an excerpt from the acceptance speech given by Eleanore Rossiter, newly elected SLC president, following the installation of officers at the Honors convocation May 4.*

In college, as in every other phase of life, we get only as much out of it as we put into it. For every right there is a duty; for every taking there must be a giving. Our student government at Clarke is based upon this principle of exchange, of give and take. We are given privileges and in return we are expected to obey the regulations we help make. Student government is itself a privilege. We really don't have a "right" to it. It could be revoked at any time without doing us an injustice. But we have been given the SLC as an expression of the faculty's belief that we are mature enough to accept responsibility.

Clarke's student government works for the good of the whole—for Clarke College. It is not intended to benefit the faculty any more than it is intended to benefit a particular group of students. It is a cooperative venture: faculty and students, not faculty versus students. Certainly the SLC isn't perfect; certainly there isn't always complete agreement. But that very fact is a healthy sign that our "student government" is more than just a name—it's a reality.

All this year you have showed your willingness to give as well as take; you have given your time, your energy, and your enthusiasm to every SLC project. Encouraged by the prospect of that same cooperation next year, I shall try to measure up to the high standards of leadership and integrity established by past SLC presidents. Our faith in student government is well-founded, and if we work together, we can insure that next year we shall continue to be very proud of our college's student government.

## President Speaks on Success At Final Formal Convocation

"It is right that we should hold a convocation each year to honor those of you who have distinguished yourselves in studies and in extracurricular activities . . . By your outstanding achievement you help to maintain the high standards that make us proud of Clarke."

So spoke Sister Mary Anne Leone, B.V.M., president of Clarke, in her final address of the year at Honors convocation May 4.

"As we mature," Sister told the students, "we cannot escape the fact that the road to success is neither short nor easy. It is not traveled by dreamers unless they are also doers."

Discussing the reason for such a struggle in life to attain success, the president placed emphasis on "the imbalance between our rational faculties and our lower nature." Sister pointed out that the attraction of pleasure offers stiff competition to duty, that ultimate good is often subordinated to immediate gratification. "Our education is supposed to restore the balance between reason and conduct," Sister Mary Anne Leone said.

"The purpose of a liberal arts college," Sister remarked, "is to make each one of its students a master in the art of living. With your Catholic culture to give you sureness of direction you can readily understand how

your present attitudes and achievements count toward your development as a person. That is why this Honors convocation has a meaning beyond today. Essentially, what we are commending is your year-long seeking of truth and your honesty in living up to your convictions.

"We are not interested merely in encouraging bright students to be brighter. As Catholic educators we are more interested in your worth as a person. We aim to make of each one of you a complete person, with a trained mind, to be sure, equally with a strong will sensitive to justice and charity."

In concluding her address Sister Mary Anne Leone said: "I am asking you to take one thought with you from this Honors convocation. You, and you alone, are writing your own success story. Because you are young, it is still in its exciting beginning. Anything can happen from here on. But remember, you are the author. You have it within your power to shape your story toward a happy middle and a triumphant end."

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## Clarkites Plan Busy Summer

Some Clarkites are just going home to "rest," while other girls have planned trips to scenic spots and still others are looking forward to interesting summer occupations.

Many of the girls have found jobs in and around Chicago. Helen Dalton and Janet Mullen are going to be swimming instructors at Our Lady of Bethlehem Camp, La Grange, Illinois. On duty in the emergency room at St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, Illinois, will be Sheila Hogan. Also in Evanston, working at Coolie's Kupboards will be Mary Jewell and Elizabeth Loosbrock. Rosemary Ritts is going to teach music, knitting and other crafts to the handicapped children in Chicago.

Two freshmen, Jean Fife and Mary Beth Mauer, are putting to use knowledge gained in their swimming classes. Jean will be a lifeguard at Hammond Lake and Mary Beth is serving in the same capacity at LeMars, Iowa.

As usual among Clarkites, many of them have obtained positions in resorts throughout the country. Those going West for the summer are Elizabeth Bartels, who will work as a waitress at Troutdale-in-the-Pines near Denver, Colorado. Seems that Denver is high on Clarke girls' popularity list. Bonnie Haberer will also be near Denver at Blanchard Lodge and Carolyn McCarten and Adorine Malloy will work at the Denver Country Club.

Traveling in the opposite direction will be Janaan Noonan and Frances Zender. These girls are going to work at Glenburnie on Lake George near Albany, New York.

Mackinac Island is going to be a Ann Reilly. They plan to work and Ann Rielly. They plan to work and play there.

Patricia Whelan will be working at Cedar Point on Lake Erie. Helen Tegeler, who worked there last summer, hopes to join Pat.

## In the College Light . . .

The May issues of magazines have blossomed out with some articles which should be of especial interest to collegians. So in between skit practices stop by the magazine rack in the library and look over . . .

### A MOTHER'S STORY

"The Child Who Never Grew," the story of Pearl S. Buck's own mentally retarded daughter, is presented in this month's *Journal*. It tells of a mother's terrible anguish when she learns that her child is not normal, of her futile journey from doctor to doctor, and of the struggle she goes through to adjust herself and her child to a way of life that is best for both.

Mrs. Buck's story will be of especial interest to mothers of such children, but it carries a worthwhile message to all of the beauty and peace of mind that comes with submission to God's will.

All proceeds of the story have been given by Mrs. Buck to the children at the Training School at Vineland, New Jersey.

### FINE COMBINATION

"Jubilee Year in Rome" is the feature in the May *Holiday* which combines full page color photos of the Vatican with a Holy Year message by Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen.

Msgr. Sheen's article begins with the historical background of the Holy Year proclamations and goes on with a message for present day pilgrims. He says, "They will not travel in a holiday mood, nor be mere tourists; this journey is a religious act, with special spiritual benefits to be gained for making it. Catholics do not visit Rome this year to see the sights; they come to raise their sights toward God."

The pictures are of St. Peter's, St. Mary Major, St. Paul's Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran, and candid shots of Vatican life.

### TEEN-AGE SAINT

On June 25 Pope Pius XII will declare Mary Goretti a saint. Her story is told in the May *Sign*.

This girl who died at the age of eleven defending her purity is a saint of our own times. She was born in Corinaldo, Italy, in 1890 of very poor parents and died July 6, 1902.

It was a miracle according to doctors who attended her that Mary lived twenty-four hours after having been stabbed fourteen times. Before she died she asked God's pardon for her murderer and said "I want him with God in Paradise like the repentant thief." The man is now a gardener in an Italian monastery after spending 30 years in prison. He was converted in 1910 after Mary Goretti appeared to him in his prison cell.

When in April, 1947, Pope Pius XII announced that Mary Goretti was to be beatified the Communists said it was only a play to gain the farmer's vote for the Christian Democratic Party. But as if in answer to the Communists miraculous cures were had through intercession to Mary. She was beatified and is now to be canonized a saint.

### CATHOLICISM AND ISLAMISM

Also in the May *Sign* is an article on "Catholics and the Moslem World" by O. M. Marashian, a Middle Eastern correspondent. Mr. Marashian writes of the growing harmony between the Moslem and Catholic worlds. This movement seems to have started with the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Egypt in 1947. It grew because of the attitude the Church took during the Palestine war. It was through a united effort of Moslem and Catholic countries that the U. N. General Assembly passed a resolution making Jerusalem an international city.

The Moslem states have since signed trade and cultural agreements with Catholic Spain which a short time ago would have seemed very improbable. But according to Mr. Marashian, today "There is a willingness to shed some of the misconceptions and prejudices that Christians and Moslems have held against each other."

### COLLEGE DOCTOR

"Questions College Physicians Have To Answer" are answered in the May issue of *Good Housekeeping* by Dr. Elizabeth L. Broyles and Dr. E. Ruth Beitwieser, resident physicians at Wellesley college. The answers tell how a girl can maintain health and efficiency "while parceling out her 24 hours a day."

In answer to the question "What events of the college year are the most taxing physically?" the doctors reply, "the period after Christmas vacation and before the end of the first semester—sometimes referred to as 'The Dark Ages'." This is attributed to the fact that the girls are worn out from Christmas festivities and return to face "deadlines for term papers, cramming, and mid-year examinations."

Another question often asked is "What are the dangers in taking sleeping pills and pills to stay awake?" The answer is that while both have a value and are occasionally indicated for use, unless they are prescribed by a physician "they may give only partial relief while allowing a serious condition either physical or mental, to continue to such a point that correction is difficult."

The other questions and answers touch on studying vs. dating, eating habits, and health problems which freshmen face.



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